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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Robert R. Holcomb

SERIAL NO.: 09/749,243

GROUP: 1712

FILED: 12/26/2000

EXAMINER:

FOR: "Description of an Inorganic Polymer "Electret" in a Colloidal State
Along With the Method of Generating and Applications"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attention: Examiner
Commissioner Of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted prior to examination of the application. By this Preliminary Amendment, kindly amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 17, delete lines 25 and 26.

On page 17, delete lines 10 and 11 and insert the language to read as follows:

-- Figure 13. Represents a schematic diagram of a water purification system using reverse osmosis in Orange County, California (Water Factory 21).--

On page 25, delete lines 18 and 19 and insert the language to read as follows:

--accumulated scale. Figure 13 is a depiction of a proposed placement of a feed line for IPE--.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

In a separate paper accompanying this response, the Examiner's approval of proposed changes in the drawings is requested.

REMARKS

Applicant is submitting this preliminary amendment in order to amend the application as requested in the Notice to File Missing Parts. The Examiner noted that Figure 13 was missing. Applicant has references to the missing Figure 13, and has been redesignated Figure 20 as filed as Figure 13. Therefore there are now figures 1 through 19 in the application. The specification was amended and Figure 20 was renumbered as 13 to achieve this result.



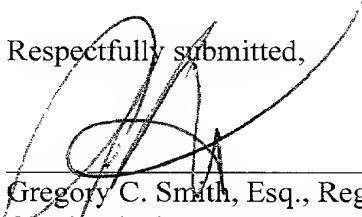
Applicant requests examination of the application and a Notice of Allowance.

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 for any extension of time necessary to render this response timely, and asks that the fee for any such extension be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he/she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-0694.

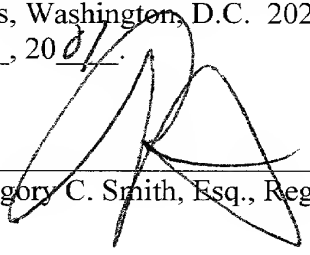
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Preliminary Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 12th day of April, 2001.



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COPY OF AMENDMENTS SHOWING CHANGES

Set out below is a copy of the amendments made in this response, with added matter underlined and omitted matter in brackets:

On Page 17, delete lines 25 and 26.

On page 17, amend lines 10 and 11 to read as follows:

-- Figure 13. [Titration curve pH with time at constant rate of infusion of HAC during generation of the product] represents a schematic diagram of a water purification system using reverse osmosis in Orange County, California (Water Factory 21).

On page 25, change line 18 to read as follows:

--accumulated scale. Figure [20] 13 is a depiction of a proposed placement of a feed line for IPE--.